

Tropical Storm Hits Downtown Torrance Area

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VICTIMS OF NEGLECT—Police Matron Dorothy Culverhouse tries to comfort Ronnie Ehrich, 2 and his sister, Deborah, 4, who were in car with mother, Mrs. Roberta Anne Ehrich, 23 when she was arrested on drunk and child neglect charges. Children were later taken to a juvenile facility while mother was placed on probation.

Mother Pleads Guilty to Neglect of Tots Charge

Mother Held for Neglect City Gets \$200,000 For Road

The young children of an attractive woman who was arrested on intoxication and child neglect charges, were turned over to juvenile authorities by Torrance police Thursday. The tots, who appeared weak and undernourished, were sent to Lathrop Hall for care, while their mother, Mrs. Roberta Anne Ehrich, 23, of Long Beach, received a 180-day suspended jail sentence and was placed on three years probation. Torrance police arrested the brunette divorcee, her former sister-in-law, Evelyn Mae Ehrich, 19, and a sailor, in an alley behind 3730 W. 174th st. at 2:40 a.m. Thursday.

Children in Back
Police claim the two women and the sailor, who was later turned over to the Shore Patrol, were intoxicated. The children, Deborah, 4, and Ronnie, 2 1/2, were on the backseat, wrapped in heavy blankets.

Officers said the tow-haired children were perspiring heavily, and appeared so emaciated, that the boy was unable to stand up. Both children were fed by police matrons in the squad room of the police station. They took Ronnie to a doctor after he fell down once. Mrs. Ehrich sobbed when she was sentenced by Municipal Judge Donald Armstrong after she pleaded guilty to child neglect and drunk charges. Drunk charges were dismissed, but part of the probation is that she must abstain from intoxicating beverages.

Pleads Not Guilty
Her sister-in-law, pleaded not guilty to drunk charges and asked for a court trial set for Sept. 11. Informed that she could not take her children with her, Mrs. Ehrich was given bus fare by court attaches to return to her Long Beach home.

She said that she and the children had been visiting friends, and that she later met the sailor an acquaintance. Neighbors called police after they said there was a disturbance in the alley. Officers said there appeared to be a minor struggle in the car when they arrived at the scene.

City Gets \$200,000 For Road

A check for \$200,000—to pay for the improvement of Lomita blvd.—was presented to Mayor Albert Isen Friday. The money was presented in behalf of Supervisor Burton W. Chace by his deputy, Ernie Winters. Funds from the County will be used to widen Lomita blvd. to a four-lane highway between Crenshaw and Hawthorne blvds. Contract for the project will be let soon, and the road work should be completed in four months. The thoroughfare will be of especial benefit to the Ryan Aeronautical Co., which is planning a huge expansion of its facilities at 2750 W. Lomita blvd.

Drale to Press for College in Torrance Area

Councilman Nickolas O. Drale will plump for a four-year State college in Torrance while he is in Sacramento this month on another matter. He asked for, and received a letter from Mayor Albert Isen, in which the city endorses the idea of an upper division college in Torrance, or at least in the South Bay area.

"I want to go up there and see if we can't get the ball rolling on this," Drale declared. During his campaign for mayor earlier this year, Drale had decried the shortage of upper division colleges in this area. At the time he pointed out the need for a four-year college, since both El Camino and Harbor Junior Colleges have only lower division curriculum.

Woman Succumbs

Mrs. Marie Sanchez, 42, of 2142 Del Amo blvd., succumbed suddenly Thursday while talking to a neighbor. Police who took her to Harbor General Hospital where she was pronounced dead, said she might possibly have been a victim of heart prostration.



IT'S WET—Sue Carter of Torrance Press staff gingerly steps off curb, trying to avoid puddles caused by unexpected rains Friday. Fortunately Sue had an umbrella with her to shield her from the downpour. Press Photo

Showers Fall on Torrance

A tropical storm dumped rain twice in the downtown Torrance area Friday, but skipped other parts of the city.

No trace of rain was felt in the northside where the fire department's rain gauge is located, so that no rainfall figures for the city are available.

Shoppers in the central area ducked into stores or under sheltering buildings as the first downpour came at approximately 10 a.m. Another brief storm came after the lunch hour. Despite the rain, sultry heat prevailed.

From a minimum of 66 degrees early this morning, the mercury jumped to a high of 85 degrees.

A high humidity which reminded newer residents of their midwestern home climates, has brought a sticky heat for the past four days.

Fire stations in Walteria and Hollywood Riviera reported only sprinkles. The headquarters station, at Carson st. and Crenshaw blvd. reported heavy showers.

No flood conditions were reported anywhere in the city. Other parts of the county reported thunder and lightning and heavy rains.

Freeway Strategy Session

Final strategy for an appeal to grant funds for the immediate construction of the San Diego Freeway through the beach cities and Torrance, was discussed at a meeting in El Segundo Friday. Councilman Nickolas O. Drale, Torrance, chairman of the 11-city delegation, said that federal funds which have been made available to the State, should be allocated for "crash" construction of the major traffic artery. In the meantime, the City Council authorized paying expenditures of two lay committee members to join the official Torrance delegation of Drale, Councilman J. A. Beasley and Dick Fitzgerald, manager of the Chamber of Commerce.

Citizen Members
The citizen members are Tom Brewer, a Republican, and John J. Barton, a Democrat; leader in Torrance.

Traffic counts and aerial photos designed to show congestion in the South Bay area, will be presented along with verbal pleas from the representatives. They will ask the State High Way Commission, which holds hearings in Sacramento Aug. 28, to rush extension of the San Diego Freeway from International Airport to 190th and Figueroa st., in a three year period.

Harbor Freeway
A similar appeal for funds to complete the Harbor Freeway to 190th st., was highly successful. The Harbor and San Diego freeways are designed to connect at an interchange at 190th st. and Figueroa st.

Bids for completing the Harbor Freeway to 190th st. will be opened next month.

Noise Complaint Probed by City

John V. Russell, director of Public Works, is expected to give a report on his probe of noise complaints near the civic center Tuesday.

Petitions, signed by 26 residents complained about an "incessant, high-pitched whine that is very nerve-wrecking," allegedly emanating from the Independent Building Materials Co.

Representing the petition was James K. Howe, of 804 Maple. The residents asked that something be done to cut down the noise, although they conceded the plant is in the proper zone.

SEEK CONVENTION HERE
The Torrance Chamber of Commerce is backing a move to bring the 1960 Democratic and Republican conventions to Los Angeles, in a formal resolution.



ROAD FUNDS—Mayor Albert Isen, center, is presented with \$200,000 check for Lomita Blvd. improvement by Ernie Walker, left, chief deputy for Supervisor Burton W. Chace. Looking on at right is Bob Bartz, an official of Ryan Aeronautical Co., which plans expansion of its plant on Lomita Blvd. Press Photo

Ryan to Hire New Workers in Production Expansion

Virtual doubling of technical personnel in Ryan Aeronautical Company's Electronics Division was ordered today with the launching of a nationwide recruiting campaign to meet rapidly expanding production and research requirements.

Approximately 300 engineers, technicians and supporting personnel must be hired as soon as possible to work on continuous-wave airborne Doppler radar systems now in increasing demand by the military services for various applications, G. W. Rutherford, Electronics Division manager, announced.

Swiftly growing importance of airborne electronics in Ryan's future plans was further emphasized today with announcement of consolidation of the company's Torrance division with the Electronics Division.

Hearing on Tract Law

Hearing on a proposed ordinance which would rezone all vacant land to R-1 at the time a tentative subdivision map is filed, will be held Sept. 2 by the City Council. The law is designed to prevent use of subdivision land for anything than authorized purposes.

As output of electronics systems increases, the Torrance plant, which recently was more than doubled in size with construction of three buildings providing 140,000 square feet of floor space, will be utilized for manufacture on a production basis. The Torrance plant, now containing 277,000 square feet, will continue to produce Ryan Firebee drone missiles.

All electronics engineering, research and development, and sales will in the future be handled at the Electronics Division's Kearny Mesa site.

School Property Rezoning Asked

The Board of Education will ask the city to rezone a 1 1/2-acre former Walteria School site for commercial purposes, in order to facilitate its sale.

The land, located on the southwest corner of 242nd and Ward sts., has been vacant for eight years since the old frame school building was razed. The land, for which the school district reportedly has been offered \$35,000, is now zoned for residential purposes.

Feds Get Postal Burglar

Postal Inspectors claim they have broken up the career of a top-level convict who has admitted stealing more than \$10,000 worth of checks from mail boxes.

Officials said that Vincent Francis Casaburri, 31, of Los Angeles, admitted looting mail boxes of checks and bank statements, following his arrest this week.

The suspect was linked with postal thefts in Torrance and the southern county area.

Casaburri assertedly posed as a dapperly-dressed salesman as he prowled neighborhoods to loot pension, relief and dividend checks.

Another wrinkle in his exploits, was to steal canceled checks and bank statements, postal inspectors said.

According to the investigators, the suspect would then forge checks for nearly the total amount of the balance shown in the statements.

The suspect was quoted by officers as admitting that most of the proceeds went to pay for losses at Gardena poker palaces and the horses.

Officials said Casaburri was released from the Federal Penitentiary at Lewisburg, Pa., where he had done time for postal thefts in New York City.

'Moose' Back After Spoiling Vacation

A Torrance family which started their vacation in misery Friday morning had all the reasons to be cheerful before the day was over.

It was with sobs that the Ernest Thomsens of 22705 Linda Drive, got into their cars for a visit to grandmother in Klamath. Reason for their sadness despite the prospects of a pleasant trip was that "Moose" the pet terrier of their children, Irene, Chris and Ernie, had wandered off early in the morning.

No amount of looking seemed to find him. Desperately Mrs. Thomsen called the Torrance Press to assist in finding the dog which the family had had for nearly two years.

They asked that in the event "Moose" was found, that Mrs. Thomsen's sister, Mrs. Stella Lieberman, of 5428 Palos Verdes blvd. be called.

Several hours after the Thomsens departed, Mrs. Lieberman called to say that "Moose" had returned voluntarily. She intended to tell the good news to the Thomsens as soon as they call her.

OK HOME TRACT

The City Council this week approved a tract map for an 81-home subdivision south of Kettler Knolls.



HELANE SEATON

Concert Features Soprano

Helane Seaton, lyric soprano, will make her Torrance debut Sunday, August 24 as she shares the spotlight with Robert Gilmore, pianist.

Elyse Aehle will conduct the Torrance Civic Symphony Orchestra. The soloist will present excerpts from the opera "Kismet" by Borodine. Miss Seaton will sing "Baubles, Bangles, and Beads" and "This is my Beloved" while attired in a costume from the part she previously played in this opera.

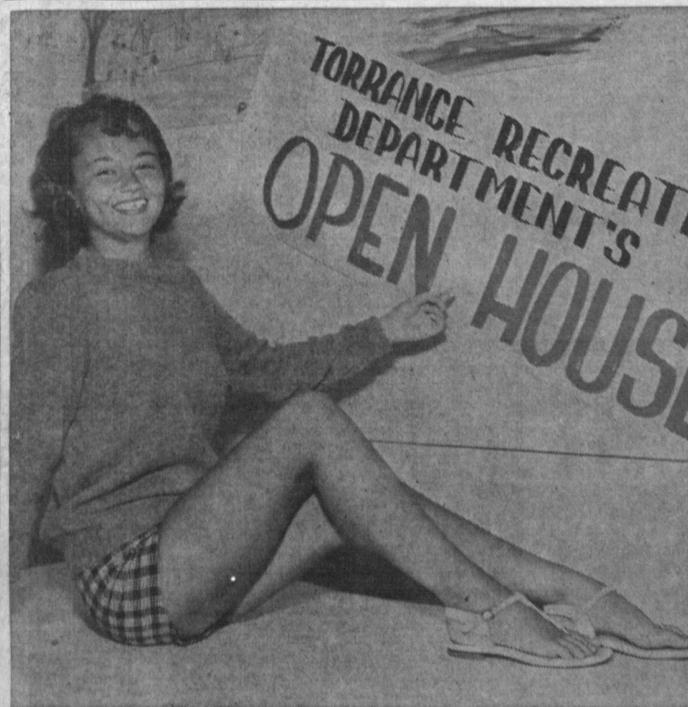
The local artist, who has appeared throughout the country is a graduate of the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago and has sung in 28 leading roles, including "Sister Angelica," "Paint Your Wagon," and "Hansel and Gretel."

Deputy Sheriffs, Prisoner Hurt in Wild Scuffle

Two deputy sheriffs and a prisoner with whom they tussled, were treated for injuries early Saturday.

In custody on battery, intoxication and resisting arrest charges, is Truman F. Anderson, 25, a machinist of 4711 W. 166th st.

His wife, Sylvia June, 26, told deputies he beat her and chased her out of their house when she questioned the lateness of his return.



ISSUES INVITATION—Judi Tye, 15, issues an open house invitation to the arts and craft exhibit and variety show to be held in the Civic Auditorium and Arts and Craft Center Thursday and Friday starting at 7 p.m. Objects made by children in the Recreation Department's crafts program will be displayed. A 12-act variety show will follow. Press Photo